



Moultonborough Town News

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ONLINE TAX BILLS CURRENT BALANCE INFO & PAPERLESS BILLING

The Moultonborough Tax Collector's Office is pleased to announce that you are now able to view original tax bills online, as well as obtain current balance information. On the Town's website just click the house icon under Online Services and follow the prompts.

Also, we are going "green" and offering paperless billing beginning with the first bill of 2015. You can opt-in for paperless billing at the time of making your online tax payment beginning with the December 2014 tax bill. If you do not wish to pay online but want to opt-in for paperless billing, please email us at taxcollector@moultonboroughnh.gov and we can enter the information to your account once you have signed an authorization. Taxpayers who opt-in for paperless delivery will receive up to three emails alerting them that their bill is available on-line. The first email is sent once the new bills have been uploaded. A second email is sent 15 days prior to the due date if the outstanding balance is not zero. A third and final email is sent three days prior to the due date if the outstanding balance is not zero. We are hoping this will be especially helpful to our seasonal taxpayers by preventing the delays they often face with mail not being forwarded quickly.



Just under a year ago, the SelectBoard announced that it would be disbanding the Town's 40 year old Visiting Nurse Department. Instead of the Town delivering the service directly, the Town would instead partner with the (then) Meredith & Center Harbor VNS (MCHVNS). We thought you might be interested in how that partnership, which saves the Town about \$180,000 per year in the first few years, is going.

One change was a new name to reflect the expansion of the geographic service area to reflect the MVNS being melded into the MCHVNS. That new name is the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association (LRVNA).

One thing that did not change was that our staff continues to serve you. There has been a virtually seamless transition from the Town MVNS to the LRVNA with many of our residents letting us know that they're pleased to be getting the same friendly, familiar service; Debbie Peaslee is enjoying her role as Clinical Director for LRVNA, and Jeri King is happy to be seeing her patients in the familiar setting of Moultonborough.

If you or someone you know needs the services of the LRVNA please call our new partners at 1.603.279.6611.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS



It's been a busy year for the Conservation Commission. We published a wildlife habitat study with information about the wildlife corridors and sent out letters to landowners of high priority habitat areas.

This fall we kicked off a population study of the Moultonborough Bay Inlet, thanks to a \$55,630 grant. In addition, the following students from Moultonborough Academy, Aidan Conn, Gwen Fifield, Brittney Delaney, Emily Blundo, Danielle Harrington, Eleanor Eaton, Quin Trexler, Jessica Hiittner, Jordan Burrows, Mackenzie Lovering, and Riley Swedberg with teacher Shaw Smith participated in our town's conservation efforts. They completed a project to reduce storm water runoff at the Lee's Pond boat ramp. This fall the Conservation Commission reviewed a parcel of land to determine whether to preserve it for our community. The 37 acre parcel fronts on Lee's Pond and has access from Route 25. The parcel is a priority wildlife habitat and corridor, has historical value, and promotes water quality in Lee's Pond and Moultonborough Bay Inlet.

More information can be found on our pages on the town's website. We welcome attendance at our monthly meetings and those interested in joining the commission.



Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2014
Day After Thanksgiving November 28, 2014

Christmas Day December 25, 2014
Day After Christmas December 26, 2014
New Year's Day January 1, 2015

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MOULTONBOROUGH BAY INLET WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT: PHASE I

The Moultonborough Bay Inlet Watershed Restoration Plan Development and Implementation: Phase 1 Project represents part of a long term strategy developed by the Town, Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association and Lakes Region Planning Commission to protect the water quality of Lake Winnepesaukee through the reduction of nonpoint source pollution (NPS). NPS pollution occurs when rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water runs over land or through the ground, transporting materials which are then deposited into rivers, lakes, and coastal waters, or introduced into the groundwater. Pollutants can include chemicals, sediments, nutrients, and toxics. These materials can have harmful effects on lake water quality, drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife. Land development or changes in land use can also cause NPS pollution by disrupting the natural hydrology of a waterbody, increasing impervious surfaces, and contributing to the loss of aquatic habitat.



Moultonborough Bay Inlet (MBI), the northernmost feature of Lake Winnepesaukee, has a watershed area of 31,556 acres that extends through Moultonborough up into Sandwich. The Inlet has historically exhibited the highest levels of in-lake total phosphorus (TP) of the eight sub-basins which comprise the big lake. In addition to Lake Winnepesaukee's current impairment for cyanobacteria (hepatotoxic microcystins), several water bodies within the MBI sub watershed are listed on the State's watch/beware list for failure to fully support aquatic life use due to elevated concentrations of chlorophyll-a, insufficient dissolved oxygen, excessive total phosphorus (TP), and non-native aquatic plants (milfoil).

The Town has made water quality protection a very high priority, investing considerable resources (both financial and voluntary labor) over the past five years. To assist the community in focusing its efforts, the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) has been awarded a NHDES Watershed Assistance grant to begin the development and implementation of a restoration plan that will identify sources of pollutants within the watershed that have led to the impairments, and to propose measures to address those sources.

To ensure success in the project, our partner, LWWA has contracted with FB Environmental Associates to perform the watershed assessment, identification of mitigation actions and estimation of pollution reductions necessary for improving the water quality of Moultonborough Bay Inlet. A project kick-off meeting was held on October 27th at the Library to begin the public involvement process. Some of the results expected from Phase 1 of the project include:

1. Establishment of a target in-lake threshold for phosphorus concentration,
2. Identification and prioritization of site specific best management practices (BMPs) to reduce sediment and nutrient loading within targeted sub-watersheds,
3. Improved septic system maintenance through education and outreach to property owners,
4. Education on gravel road BMPs,
5. Sediment removal and nutrient reductions achieved through the implementation of stormwater improvements at States Landing, and;
6. Small stormwater improvement projects on homeowner sites.

For more information or to participate, please go to the Town Website, Conservation Commission web page at http://moultonboroughnh.gov/Pages/MoultonboroughNH_BComm/Concom/Conservation or go to <http://winnepesaukeegateway.org/>; or you may call or email the Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff at 476-2347 or bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov.



LIBRARY NEWS

In October our beloved children's librarian, Judi Knowles, retired after eight wonderful years of service. We will certainly miss Judi, but we are very fortunate to have our own talented, long-time staff member Sharon Gulla step into Judi's position. Sharon is creative, resourceful and imaginative. She will continue Judi's legacy in making our Children's Area a dynamic, inviting place for children of all ages.

As an additional service, two of our staff members have recently become notary publics. At least one of them should be available most of the open hours of the library. This service is provided free of charge.

Ongoing events at the library: We offer **free computer help** every Wednesday from 11-1pm with the PC Handyman. The **Stitch 'n' Chat** ladies meet every Friday morning. **Evenings of Poetry** are held on the first Tuesday of the month. **Lego Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We also offer **Intro to Ipad classes** on Tuesdays, with the **Ipad Users Group** meeting on Monday afternoons.

The library will have a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 12, from 11am -3pm. Please stop by for some delicious cookies and other treats. Our children's party will be that same evening with a sing-along and then a visit from Santa.



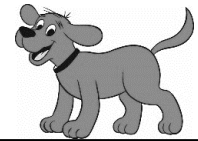
CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Our Summer Reading Program "Fizz, Boom, Read" had 126 children participating. The younger readers read a combined total of 1,162 books, the older readers were logging pages and had a total of 67,363 pages read.

We had our first Read-A-Thon of the school year and had a record breaking 34 readers attending. This group of 4th, 5th and 6th graders quietly read in three 30 minute sessions with breaks for snacks, pizza and ice cream. We held story times in our "Hobbit House," and we have been reading books and making crafts about the fall, fairs, squirrels, pumpkins and Halloween. We decorated pumpkins and went Trick or Treating through the village. Andrew Pinard performed his magic at our Halloween Party; the show was great fun for all ages. Soon we'll be making turkeys and decorating Gingerbread Houses.

This fall the Friends generously donated hard bound books to the Kindergartners at Moultonborough Central School. They received "*Baby Bear Counts One*" by Ashley Wolff.

We will be holding a literacy program with staff from MCS for children ages one through four featuring "Clifford, the Big Red Dog." We are working with first graders to sign them up for library cards and tours of the library.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Highway Division- As winter is fast approaching the highway crew would ask all private road residents to help prepare for the winter plowing season, by cutting roadside brush and tree limbs, filling in pot holes and marking obstructions along the roadway (i.e. stumps, rocks etc.) We would also ask that areas where the road stops being plowed be cleared of debris, and objects to allow for the plowing equipment to turn around safely. In preparation for the season please check your roadside mailboxes to help minimize the chance of mailbox damage by the wing plow. This can be done by checking that the mailbox is at least 42" off the roadway surface, when the mailbox door is open, and that the mailbox support 3' off the edge of the pavement or travel surface. These guidelines can be found on the DPW web page on the Towns website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov. The Public Works Department has also started a web based "Service Request Form." This form assists the various divisions in responding more efficiently to service requests which are recognized by residents. This form can also be found on the DPW web page on the Towns website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.

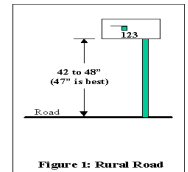


Figure 1: Rural Road

RECYCLING PAYS IN MANY WAYS



Waste Management- The 2015-2016 Facility use decals are available for purchase at the Town Hall M-F 7:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M., or can be obtained by mail. Save the date for the 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection on August 1, 2015. Household hazardous waste can be disposed of on the Third Saturday of the Month May-Oct, at the Lakes Region Household Product Facility (LRHHPF) in Wolfeboro, (569-5826), their website is www.lakesrpc.org/servicehww.asp. Thank you to our users for their recycling efforts, and if you should have any questions please see a Facility Attendant or visit the Town's website.

Cemeteries and Facilities/Parks - On September 1st 2014, the Board of Selectmen/Cemetery Trustees adopted changes to the cemetery ordinance governing rules of the cemetery plots. These rules restrict the planting of flowers, bushes, shrubs, trees and placement of floral tributes, or ornamentation (i.e. statues, vigil lights, balloons, toys and the like. All plantings must be within a unbreakable container and placed on the headstone or immediately adjacent too. You can view the Cemetery Ordinance by going to our website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.



We would like to thank our "Adopt a Spot" gardeners, for there beautiful flower beds at our facilities and town line boarders. We would also like to thank our first "Adopt a Facility" participants for their Adoption of the Mowing and Trimming at the Town Buildings. This is truly a "Community in Partnership." If you have any concerns, questions or complaints please feel free to contact the DPW office at 253-7445, or Email us dpw@moultonboroughnh.gov.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



The Moultonborough Recreation Department offers a variety of programs, activities, events and trips for residents and visitors of all ages. Please check out our Department's website for the most recent offerings at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.

SCAMS

TARGET YOU

PROTECT YOURSELF

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DON'T GET SCAMMED!

One of the largest growing crime statistics in the U.S. involves a multitude of scams. We have seen a large spike in these same crimes in Moultonborough. Scams basically involve one common element, money sent in a way that cannot be traced back to the scammer, "Green Dot" cards, and money orders. These are a few of the recent scams that have victimized Moultonborough businesses and citizens for many thousands of dollars.

Relative in Jail Scam: This usually targets the elderly where you receive a call from a young person in tears needing cash to get bailed out of a distant and quite often a Canadian Jail. Green Dot cards or money orders are requested to be sent to a specific location. "Please don't tell mom or dad" is part of the plea and the victim is embarrassed to admit they do not recognize the voice on the other end of the line.

Utility Bill Scam: Call comes from your utility company stating that unless you pay your current balance your power will be cut off. This caller will actually have your account number and amount due.

Computer Virus Scam: You get a message from "Microsoft" or other software provider that you have a virus in your computer and they can clean it for you. You then give them info to "clean the computer" and they now have access to your banking or credit card info.

IRS Scam: Same as the utility scam, phone call stating you must pay immediately or else. The IRS uses the US Mail to send out all correspondence, it does not use the internet. The www.irs.gov website has information on current IRS scams.

Foreign Lottery/Nigerian Prince Scams: No you have not and never will win a foreign lottery so don't get scammed into prepaying taxes so you can claim your winnings. This also is true for the Nigerian Prince who has fled the country and will share his fortune with you if you prepay the tax bill.

EBay/Craig's List Scam: You sell something over the internet, the check you receive is for more than you asked for so the buyer requests that you send them back the difference. The check you send them is good, the check they originally sent you was not. This one sometimes involves a little twist, greed on your part when the buyer tells you to keep \$50 or \$100 of the overpayment for your time and trouble.

The FBI has a website for tracking this activity so please report all attempts to the following: www.ic3.gov if you believe you were the victim of an internet crime or have any questions you can contact Detective Stephen Kessler of the Moultonborough Police Department at 603-476-2400.

UNH CONDUCTS MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Dr. Robert Barcelona, Associate Professor in the Recreation Management and Policy Department at the University of New Hampshire, with associates from UNH and Clemson University and UNH graduate students have completed the initial stages of a Recreation Needs Assessment for the Town of Moultonborough.

These initial stages included, a tour of town and school facilities, a town wide survey was conducted both electronically and in hard copy, with over 500 responses. In addition,

over 30 Focus Groups were held on Monday October 20th and Wednesday October 22nd. Also on Wednesday October 22nd, a town wide meeting was held with well over 100 in attendance. The format included group discussions, group consensus and individual i-clicker responses. All the data will be used in completing the Needs Assessment and Report. Their report is expected by mid-late November.



MOULTONBOROUGH NEEDS YOU - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Nominations and applications are now being accepted for full and alternate members to serve on various volunteer committees and services including, but not limited to:

- * Recreation Advisory Board
- * Community Emergency Response Team
- * Master Plan Implementation Committee
- * Videographer

Please submit a letter of application or nomination and/or a "Volunteer to Serve Your Town" form, found at www.moultonboroughnh.gov (click on Paid, Volunteer and Bid Opportunities), or any questions about these openings to Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator, by phone (603.476.2347) or email cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov. Openings will be filled by the SelectBoard as suitable applicants apply.